(b) and (c) Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA) operates various schemes under which financial assistance is provided to the exporters for market development, infrastructure development, quality development, research and development and transportation. Efforts are constantly being made for opening up of new markets. As a special measure to boost export of milk and milk products, the dairy sector has been brought within the purview of "Visheh Krishi Upaj Yojana", under the Foreign Trade Policy 2004-09

(d) Does not arise.

India's Trade with G-8 Countries

2300. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum in terms of dollars of India's trade G-8 countries during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether any study has been carried out to look at the possibilities of other areas of trade;

(c) what is the percentage of India's trade with G-8 countries when compared with other countries;

(d) whether it is also a fact that imports from G-8 countries have also gone up in the last three years; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) According to available information India's trade (exports plus imports) with G-8 countries increased from US$ 36 billion in 2002-03 to US$ 41 billion in 2003-04 and US$ 48 billion in 2004-05.

(b) In order to enhance trade with various countries including countries of G-8, the Government has taken steps to promote dialogue at the highest level through summit meetings, Joint Commissions/Working Groups/Sub-Groups, Joint Business Councils and Joint Study Groups.

(c) The percentage share of G-8 countries in total trade of India ranged between 25 per cent and 31 per cent between 2002-03 and 2004-05.

(d) and (e) The imports from G-8 countries increased during the last three years in response to the growing demand for capital goods and inputs required to sustain the upswing in manufacturing sector growth in India.

Price Stabilization fund for Growers of Tea, Coffee, Rubber and Tobacco

2301. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to Unstarred Questions 1090 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd March, 2003 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that price stabilization fund to provide relief to the growers of tea, coffee, rubber and tobacco in the times of depressed prices has been withdrawn; and

(b) if not, year-wise break-up of funds released so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Funds released to provide relief to growers during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06 are as follows:

2004-05	—	Rs. 91.565 lakh
2005-06	—	Rs. 130.965 lakh

Takeover of Administration of deep sea fishery sector by MPEDA

2302. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Marine products Export Development Authority if going to takeover the administration of the deep-sea fishery sector from Agriculture Ministry;

(b) whether it is a fact that the proposals for transfer of this subject are pending with MPEDA;

(c) the date by which this transfer of subjects will occur; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.